

## Senate Resolution 1103

By: Senators Jones of the 10th and Miles of the 43rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Ernest Raymond Prather; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ernest Raymond Prather, a native of Atlanta, has dedicated almost 40 years  
3 to the field of education, including 35 years working as a teacher and later a guidance  
4 counselor at the historic Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, during the course of his career, Mr. Prather, an alumnus of Morehouse College  
6 and a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Master of Education in Guidance and  
7 Counseling, has thoughtfully and compassionately guided thousands of students to rewarding  
8 postsecondary educational and career opportunities, and even after his official retirement in  
9 2001, Mr. Prather has served as a consultant to the counseling staff and students at  
10 Washington High School; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Prather has also applied his passion for helping others  
12 to his active participation in his community, including his involvement with the Columbia  
13 Drive United Methodist Church, where he has served as Lay Leader and Chair of the Staff  
14 Pastor Parish Relations Committee, among other roles; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Prather organized the Toney Gardens Civic Association in 1980, and a year  
16 later the Annual Achievement Awards Program, which recognizes the achievements of high  
17 school graduates with book scholarships and the service of citizens with Outstanding Service  
18 Awards; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Prather, who has been honored extensively by his community with such  
20 achievements as the 1996 Atlanta Public Schools' High School Counselor of the Year award  
21 and the Lou Walker Citizenship Award, is an inspiration to us all by demonstrating the  
22 profound effect one man's work can have on so many.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in commending Mr. Ernest Raymond Prather for a lifetime of service to his community.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ernest Raymond Prather.